DIRECTIONS

To get to Giant Springs State Park follow river road east past Black Eagle Falls overlook. Take a left at large entrance sign and follow Giant Springs Rd. to the park.

To get to Ulm Pishkun State Park from Great Falls, MT take I-15 south towards Helena. Travel 7 miles and take exit 270. Then take a right and follow paved road 3.5 miles to Ulm Pishkun entrance sign.

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GIANT SPRINGS

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TOWER ROCK

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks 4600 Giant Springs Rd. Great Falls, MT 59405 (406) 454-5840

GIANT SPRINGS

Giant Springs State Park
Open year round from 8 AM to Sunset

Thursday "Personalities in the Park" 7 PM to 8 PM 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9 The Summer Evening Presenter Series will focus on significant individuals who helped or were a part of Montana State Parks history. These important figures for Giant Springs State Park include York, Sacajawea, Paris Gibson, Mark Twain, and Anton Eilers. Park fees apply only to non-residents. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. If the weather does not cooperate we will move the program to the Fish, Wildlife & Parks headquarters conference room across from the park.

Friday Great Falls of Missouri Hour 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM June 1st - August 31st A Park Ranger will present a short program on the history of the Great Falls in Ryan Island picnic area. Maps and brochures will be available. No fee. The island is located below Ryan Dam and falls.

Saturday Roving Ranger Day 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM 6/23, 8/11 Take a beautiful drive to Giant Springs State Park and be greeted by a Park Ranger. Visitors can enjoy hiking, wildlife viewing and picnicking. Children can earn a junior ranger badge. The Park Ranger will rotate to a different state park every Saturday throughout the summer. Park fees apply only to non-residents. For more information please call (406) 727-1212 or 454-5870.

Black Eagle Falls Hour 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM June 2nd - September 1st A Park Ranger will present a short program interpreting the history of the Black Eagle Waterfalls on Black Eagle Memorial Island. Maps and brochures will be available. No fee. Black Eagle Memorial Island is located below Black Eagle Dam and waterfalls.

Sunday Rainbow Falls Hour 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM June 3rd - September 2nd A Park Ranger will present a short program interpreting the history of Rainbow Falls at Lewis & Clark Overlook. No fee. The overlook is located 1.6 miles east from Giant Springs State Park.

Children's Programs 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM June 3rd - August 26th Join a Park Ranger at Giant Springs State Park for Sunday afternoon children's programming. These presentations are focused towards children ages 5 to 12 years. The hands-on programs will range from dissecting owl pellets to camping ethics. Park fees apply only to non-residents. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. If the weather does not cooperate we will move the program to the conference room.

ULM PISHKUN

Ulm Pishkun State Park open daily 8 AM to 6 PM April 1st - October 1st

Thursday "Personalities in the Park" 7 PM to 8 PM 6/21, 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/16 The Summer Evening Presenter Series will focus on significant individuals who helped or were a part of Montana State Parks history. These important figures for Ulm Pishkun State Park include William Ulm, The Little Shell Tribe, Maynard Shumate, Chief Plenty-Coups, and the Blackfeet Tribe. Park fees apply only to non-residents. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and dress appropriately for the weather. If the weather does not cooperate we will move the program inside the visitor center.

Saturday Weekend Buffalo Jump Talks 11 AM & 2 PM July 14 - August 26th Park Rangers will describe buffalo jump operations and history at the visitor center. Weather permitting a Park Ranger may accompany groups to the top of the Buffalo jump. Park fees apply only to non-residents.

Roving Ranger Day 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM 6/16, 7/21, 8/18

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Sunday Weekend Buffalo Jump Talks 1 PM & 3 PM July 14 - August 26th Park Rangers will describe buffalo jump operations and history. With weather permitting a Park Ranger may accompany groups to the top of the jump. Park fees apply only to non-residents.

September is Native American Month

Ulm Pishkun Culture Days

Join us at Ulm Pishkun State Park in September for Culture Days! Twice weekly throughout the month there will be afternoon presentations in the "First Nations of Montana Education Series." They will take place on Saturdays and Sundays at 2 PM. Park fees apply only to non-residents.

In addition to the Education Series, schools will have multiple opportunities to send field trips to Ulm Pishkun. Friday September 7th, Tuesday the 11th, Tuesday the 18th, Friday the 21st, and Tuesday the 25th will be set aside for students to learn more about the buffalo jump and Northern Plains Indian culture. Schools and teachers will receive detailed information several weeks before the first opportunity to visit. The weekend of September 14th - 15th the annual Ulm Pishkun State Park Atlatl Event and Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance traditional cultural camp will be taking place.

SLUICE BOXES

Open Year Round 8 AM to Sunset

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TOWER ROCK

Open Year Round 8 AM to Sunset

Sluice Boxes State Park

Travel east on Hwy 89/87 traveling past the Belt, MT exit. Turn right at Armington Junction and follow Highway 89 south 8 miles towards Monarch, MT. You will see a state park sign, turn right onto Riceville Bridge Rd. and follow gravel road one-half mile to parking area.

Programs offered:

Roving Ranger Day - 6/9, 6/30, 7/28, 8/25 9 AM - 4 PM State Park Hiking Series - 8/25, 8 AM

Tower Rock State Park

Travel south on I-15 past Cascade, MT until you come to the state park signs then take exit 247 (Hardy Creek). Turn right and go one-half mile to turn off and take a left to enter.

Programs offered:

Roving Ranger Day - 6/2, 7/14, 8/4 9 AM - 4 PM National Trails Day - 6/2 TBA State Park Hiking Series - 7/14, 8 AM

For more information on programs and events call (406) 454-5870, 727-1212 or 866-2217 or log onto to our website at: http://fwp.mt.gov/parks/calpark.asp

SPECIAL EVENTS

National Trails Day June 2, 2007 TBA Hikes taking place at Tower Rock, Ulm Pishkun and Giant Springs State Park (Sulphur Spring). Trail work project is taking place on north shore trail near Ryan Dam.

State Park Hiking Series 8 AM to 11 AM

Ulm Pishkun SP, May 5th Giant Springs SP Sulphur Spring, June 16th Tower Rock SP, July 14th Sluice Boxes SP, August 25th

Great American Backyard Campout

Giant Springs State Park (Heritage Picnic Area) June 24th from 8 PM to 9 AM

Night at the Pishkun

Ulm Pishkun State Park
June 30th - July 1st, 6 PM to 8 AM
A sleep over for ages 9-12, also including a hike, traditional story telling and movies.

19th Annual Montana Atlatl Mammoth Hunt Ulm Pishkun State Park, July 21st - 22nd

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4th Annual Community Artists DayGiant Springs State Park August 11th from 9 AM to 4 PM

National Public Lands Day September 29th TBA

